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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12 noon.

The SPEAKER. This being the day fixed by Public Law 105-140 of the 105th Congress, enacted pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the 2nd session of the 105th Congress, the House will be in order.

The prayer will be offered by the Chaplain.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David FORD, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we ask Your blessing upon us and upon all Your people. Your prophets of old have called us to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You, and on this special day in the life of this place, we pray for those gifts. O gracious God, may we do the works of justice so all people are treated with equity and truth, may we open our hearts to express mercy to all people in great need, and may we, in all humility and goodwill, sustain our noble traditions and serve the common good. Bless us this day and every day we pray. Amen.

### CALL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will utilize the electronic system to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

Abercrombie	Barrett (NE)	Blunt
Ackerman	Barrett (WI)	Boehlert
Aderholt	Bartlett	Boehner
Allen	Barton	Bonilla
Andrews	Bateman	Bonior
Armedy	Bentsen	Borski
Bachus	Bereuter	Boswell
Baesler	Berman	Boucher
Baker	Berry	Brown (CA)
Baldacci	Bilbray	Brown (FL)
Ballenger	Bilirakis	Bryant
Barcia	Bliley	Bunning
Barr	Blumenauer	

Burr	Filner	Kasich
Burton	Foley	Kelly
Buyer	Forbes	Kennedy (MA)
Callahan	Ford	Kennedy (RI)
Calvert	Fossella	Kennelly
Camp	Fox	Kildee
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Kilpatrick
Canady	Frelinghuysen	Kim
Cannon	Frost	Kind (WI)
Cardin	Gallegly	King (NY)
Carson	Gejdenson	Kingston
Castle	Gekas	Kleczka
Chabot	Gephardt	Klink
Chambliss	Gibbons	Klug
Chenoweth	Gilchrist	Kolbe
Christensen	Gilman	Kucinich
Clay	Gingrich	LaFalce
Clayton	Goode	LaHood
Clement	Goodlatte	Lampson
Clyburn	Gutknecht	Lantos
Coble	Gordon	Largent
Coburn	Goss	Latham
Collins	Granger	Lazio
Combest	Green	Leach
Cook	Greenwood	Levin
Cooksey	Gutierrez	Lewis (CA)
Costello	Gutknecht	Lewis (GA)
Cox	Hall (OH)	Lewis (KY)
Crane	Hall (TX)	Linder
Crapo	Hamilton	Lipinski
Cubin	Hansen	Livingston
Cummings	Harman	LoBiondo
Cunningham	Hastert	Lofgren
Danner	Hastings (FL)	Lucas
Davis (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Luther
Davis (VA)	Hayworth	Maloney (CT)
Deal	Hefley	Maloney (NY)
DeFazio	Herger	Manton
DeLauro	Hill	Manzullo
DeLay	Hilleary	Martinez
Dickey	Hilliard	Mascara
Dicks	Hinojosa	Matsui
Dingell	Hobson	McCarthy (MO)
Dixon	Hoekstra	McCarthy (NY)
Doggett	Holden	McCrery
Dooley	Hooley	McDermott
Doolittle	Horn	McGovern
Doyle	Houghton	McHale
Dreier	Hoyer	McHugh
Duncan	Hulshof	McInnis
Dunn	Hutchinson	McIntyre
Edwards	Hyde	McKeon
Ehlers	Jackson (IL)	McKinney
Ehrlich	Jackson-Lee	McNulty
Emerson	(TX)	Meehan
Engel	Jefferson	Meek
English	Jenkins	Menendez
Eshoo	John	Metcalf
Etheridge	Johnson (CT)	Mica
Evans	Johnson (WI)	Millender-
Everett	Johnson, E. B.	McDonald
Farr	Johnson, Sam	Miller (CA)
Fattah	Jones	Miller (FL)
Fawell	Kanjorski	Minge
Fazio	Kaptur	Mink

Moran (KS)	Regula	Souder
Moran (VA)	Reyes	Spence
Morella	Riley	Sperr
Murtha	Rivers	Stark
Myrick	Rodriguez	Stearns
Nadler	Roemer	Stenholm
Nethercutt	Rogan	Stokes
Neumann	Rogers	Strickland
Ney	Rohrabacher	Stump
Northup	Rothman	Sununu
Norwood	Roukema	Talent
Nussle	Roybal-Allard	Tanner
Oberstar	Royce	Tauscher
Obey	Ryun	Tauzin
Olver	Sabo	Taylor (MS)
Owens	Sanchez	Thomas
Oxley	Sanders	Thompson
Packard	Sandlin	Thornberry
Pallone	Sanford	Thune
Pappas	Sawyer	Thurman
Pascrell	Scarborough	Tiahrt
Pastor	Schaefer, Dan	Tierney
Paul	Schumer	Towns
Paxon	Scott	Trafficant
Pease	Sensenbrenner	Turner
Peterson (MN)	Serrano	Upton
Peterson (PA)	Sessions	Velazquez
Petri	Shaw	Vento
Pickering	Shays	Walsh
Pickett	Sherman	Wamp
Pitts	Shimkus	Waters
Pombo	Shuster	Watkins
Pomeroy	Sisisky	Watt (NC)
Porter	Skaggs	Waxman
Portman	Skeen	Weldon (PA)
Poshard	Slaughter	Weller
Price (NC)	Smith (MI)	Weygand
Pryce (OH)	Smith (NJ)	White
Quinn	Smith (TX)	Whitfield
Radanovich	Smith, Adam	Wicker
Rahall	Smith, Linda	Wolf
Ramstad	Snowbarger	Wynn
Rangel	Snyder	Yates
Redmond	Solomon	Young (FL)

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The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 364 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device.

Under the rule, further proceedings are dispensed with.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 607. An act to amend the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to require notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as a condition of entering into certain federally related mortgage loans and to provide for cancellation of such insurance, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 191. An act to throttle criminal use of guns.

S. 758. An act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

S. 1172. An act for the relief of Sylvester Flis.

S. 1213. An act to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1566. An act to amend the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to protect the voting rights of military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 335) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 335

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 335

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DREIER). The Chair appoints as Members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a

quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT).

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 336) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 336

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### DAILY HOUR OF MEETING

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 337) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

*Resolved*, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 18, 1998, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; 11 a.m. on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 18, 1998, until the end of the second session, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays; 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE AND RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 201) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 201

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Wednesday, January 28, 1998, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 1998; that when the House adjourns on Thursday, February 5, 1998, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 1998; and that when the House adjourns on Thursday, February 12, 1998, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Friday, February 13, 1998, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this concurrent resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, February 23, 1998, or such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on

the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### HOURLY OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1998

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DREIER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### HOLOCAUST VICTIMS REDRESS ACT

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1564) to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust, and for other purposes, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to object, but I do want to make a statement on the Record with regard to the unanimous consent request for the House to consider H.R. 1564, the Holocaust Victims Redress Act.

Before I do that I ask the proponents of the bill for an explanation of the bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAMILTON. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].